



# Fixed-Point Theorems for Multivalued Maps with Closed Values on Complete Gauge Spaces

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**Abstract**—In this note, we present fixed-point results for contractive maps in the sense of Bose and Mukherjee defined on complete gauge spaces. © 2001 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we present new fixed-point results for multivalued maps with closed values defined on a complete gauge space. The ideas needed are elementary and only rely on the notions of pseudometric and completeness. Our results in particular extend those of Agarwal and O'Regan [1], Bose and Mukherjee [2], and Frigon [3].

For the remainder of this section, we present some notations which will be used in Section 2. Throughout this paper,  $X = (X, \{d_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda})$  will denote a gauge space endowed with a complete gauge structure  $\{d_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  (see [4, pp. 198, 308]). For  $A \subseteq X$  and  $x \in X$  fixed, by  $\text{dist}_\alpha(x, A)$  we mean  $d_\alpha(x, A)$ . For  $r = \{r_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in (0, \infty)^\Lambda$  and  $x \in X$ , we define the pseudo-ball centered at  $x$  of radius  $r$  by

$$B(x, r) = \{y \in X : d_\alpha(x, y) \leq r_\alpha \text{ for all } \alpha \in \Lambda\}.$$

We denote by  $D_\alpha$  the generalized Hausdorff pseudometric induced by  $d_\alpha$ ; that is, for  $Z, Y \subseteq X$ ,

$$D_\alpha(Z, Y) = \inf \{ \epsilon > 0 : \forall x \in Z, \forall y \in Y, \exists x^* \in Z, \exists y^* \in Y \\ \text{such that } d_\alpha(x, y^*) < \epsilon, d_\alpha(x^*, y) < \epsilon \},$$

with the convention that  $\inf(\emptyset) = \infty$ .

## 2. FIXED-POINT RESULTS

This section presents new fixed-point results for multivalued maps with closed values defined on a complete gauge space  $X$ . Our main theorems generalize and extend results in [1–3].

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a complete gauge space,  $r \in (0, \infty)^\Lambda$ ,  $x_0 \in X$ , and  $F : B(x_0, r) \rightarrow C(X)$ ; here  $C(X)$  denotes the family of nonempty closed subsets of  $X$ . Suppose there exist constants  $a_1 = \{a_{1,\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in [0, 1]^\Lambda$ ,  $a_2 = \{a_{2,\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in [0, 1]^\Lambda$ ,  $a_3 = \{a_{3,\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in [0, 1]^\Lambda$ ,  $a_4 = \{a_{4,\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in [0, 1]^\Lambda$ , and  $a_5 = \{a_{5,\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in [0, 1]^\Lambda$  such that for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  and every  $x, y \in B(x_0, r)$ , we have*

$$D_\alpha(F(x), F(y)) \leq a_{1,\alpha} \text{dist}_\alpha(x, F(x)) + a_{2,\alpha} \text{dist}_\alpha(y, F(y)) + a_{3,\alpha} \text{dist}_\alpha(y, F(x)) \\ + a_{4,\alpha} \text{dist}_\alpha(x, F(y)) + a_{5,\alpha} d_\alpha(x, y),$$

where for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,  $a_{1,\alpha} + a_{2,\alpha} + a_{3,\alpha} + a_{4,\alpha} + a_{5,\alpha} < 1$ ,  $a_{1,\alpha} + a_{4,\alpha} + a_{5,\alpha} > 0$ ,  $a_{2,\alpha} + a_{3,\alpha} + a_{5,\alpha} > 0$ , and with either  $a_{1,\alpha} = a_{2,\alpha}$  or  $a_{3,\alpha} = a_{4,\alpha}$ . In addition, assume the following two conditions hold:

$$\text{for every } x \in B(x_0, r) \text{ and every } \epsilon = \{\epsilon_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in (0, \infty)^\Lambda \text{ there exists} \\ y \in F(x) \text{ with } d_\alpha(x, y) \leq \text{dist}_\alpha(x, F(x)) + \epsilon_\alpha \text{ for every } \alpha \in \Lambda \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$\text{for } \alpha \in \Lambda, \quad \text{dist}_\alpha(x_0, F(x_0)) < \left(1 - \frac{A_{1,\alpha}(1 + A_{2,\alpha})}{1 + A_{1,\alpha}}\right) r_\alpha, \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$A_{1,\alpha} = \frac{a_{1,\alpha} + a_{4,\alpha} + a_{5,\alpha}}{1 - a_{2,\alpha} - a_{4,\alpha}} \quad \text{and} \quad A_{2,\alpha} = \frac{a_{2,\alpha} + a_{3,\alpha} + a_{5,\alpha}}{1 - a_{1,\alpha} - a_{3,\alpha}}.$$

Then  $F$  has a fixed point (i.e., there exists  $x \in B(x_0, r)$  with  $x \in F(x)$ ).

**REMARK 2.1.** Fix  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . Note if  $a_{3,\alpha} = a_{4,\alpha}$ , then  $0 < A_{1,\alpha} < 1$  and  $0 < A_{2,\alpha} < 1$ , whereas, if  $a_{1,\alpha} = a_{2,\alpha}$ , we have  $0 < A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha} < 1$ . We may if we wish (because of symmetry) take  $a_{3,\alpha} = a_{4,\alpha}$  and  $a_{1,\alpha} = a_{2,\alpha}$  (in this case  $A_{1,\alpha} = A_{2,\alpha}$ ).

**PROOF.** From (2.1) and (2.2), we may choose a  $x_1 \in F(x_0)$  with

$$d_\alpha(x_1, x_0) < (1 - k_\alpha) r_\alpha, \quad \text{for every } \alpha \in \Lambda; \quad (2.3)$$

here

$$k_\alpha = 1 - \frac{A_{1,\alpha}(1 + A_{2,\alpha})}{1 + A_{1,\alpha}}. \quad (2.4)$$

Notice  $x_1 \in B(x_0, r)$ .

Next for  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , choose  $\epsilon_\alpha > 0$  such that

$$A_{1,\alpha} d_\alpha(x_1, x_0) + \frac{\epsilon_\alpha}{1 - a_{2,\alpha} - a_{4,\alpha}} < A_{1,\alpha} (1 - k_\alpha) r_\alpha. \quad (2.5)$$

Then choose  $x_2 \in F(x_1)$  so that for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_\alpha(x_1, x_2) &\leq \text{dist}_\alpha(x_1, F(x_1)) + \epsilon_\alpha \\ &\leq D_\alpha(F(x_0), F(x_1)) + \epsilon_\alpha \\ &\leq a_{1,\alpha} \text{dist}_\alpha(x_0, F(x_0)) + a_{2,\alpha} \text{dist}_\alpha(x_1, F(x_1)) + a_{3,\alpha} \text{dist}_\alpha(x_1, F(x_0)) \\ &\quad + a_{4,\alpha} \text{dist}_\alpha(x_0, F(x_1)) + a_{5,\alpha} d_\alpha(x_0, x_1) + \epsilon_\alpha \\ &\leq a_{1,\alpha} d_\alpha(x_0, x_1) + a_{2,\alpha} d_\alpha(x_1, x_2) + a_{4,\alpha} d_\alpha(x_0, x_2) + a_{5,\alpha} d_\alpha(x_0, x_1) + \epsilon_\alpha, \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$d_\alpha(x_1, x_2) \leq A_{1,\alpha} d_\alpha(x_0, x_1) + \frac{\epsilon_\alpha}{1 - a_{2,\alpha} - a_{4,\alpha}}.$$

Then because of (2.5) we have chosen  $x_2 \in F(x_1)$  so that

$$d_\alpha(x_1, x_2) < A_{1,\alpha} (1 - k_\alpha) r_\alpha, \quad \text{for every } \alpha \in \Lambda. \quad (2.6)$$

Notice

$$x_2 \in B(x_0, r),$$

since (we give an argument here which can be used in the general step) for  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_\alpha(x_0, x_2) &\leq (1 - k_\alpha) r_\alpha + A_{1,\alpha} (1 - k_\alpha) r_\alpha \\ &\leq (1 - k_\alpha) r_\alpha \{1 + A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha} + (A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha})^2 + \dots \\ &\quad + A_{1,\alpha} [1 + A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha} + (A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha})^2 + \dots]\} \\ &= (1 - k_\alpha) r_\alpha \left[ \frac{1 + A_{1,\alpha}}{1 - A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha}} \right] = r_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Next for  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , choose  $\delta_\alpha > 0$  such that

$$A_{2,\alpha} d_\alpha(x_1, x_2) + \frac{\delta_\alpha}{1 - a_{1,\alpha} - a_{3,\alpha}} < A_{2,\alpha} A_{1,\alpha} (1 - k_\alpha) r_\alpha. \quad (2.7)$$

Then choose  $x_3 \in F(x_2)$  so that for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , we have

$$d_\alpha(x_2, x_3) \leq \text{dist}_\alpha(x_2, F(x_2)) + \delta_\alpha.$$

A similar reasoning as above yields for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  that

$$d_\alpha(x_2, x_3) \leq A_{2,\alpha} d_\alpha(x_1, x_2) + \frac{\delta_\alpha}{1 - a_{1,\alpha} - a_{3,\alpha}},$$

and so

$$d_\alpha(x_3, x_2) < A_{2,\alpha} A_{1,\alpha} (1 - k_\alpha) r_\alpha, \quad \text{for every } \alpha \in \Lambda. \quad (2.8)$$

Notice

$$x_3 \in B(x_0, r),$$

since for  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  we have (see the reasoning above)

$$\begin{aligned} d_\alpha(x_0, x_3) &\leq (1 - k_\alpha) r_\alpha [1 + A_{1,\alpha} + A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha}] \\ &\leq (1 - k_\alpha) r_\alpha \left[ \frac{1 + A_{1,\alpha}}{1 - A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha}} \right] = r_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Proceed inductively to obtain  $x_n \in F(x_{n-1})$ ,  $n = 4, 5, \dots$  with  $x_n \in B(x_0, r)$  and

$$d_\alpha(x_{2j+1}, x_{2j+2}) \leq (A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha})^j A_{1,\alpha} (1 - k_\alpha) r_\alpha, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, \text{ for every } \alpha \in \Lambda$$

and

$$d_\alpha(x_{2j}, x_{2j+1}) \leq (A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha})^j (1 - k_\alpha) r_\alpha, \quad j = 2, 3, \dots, \text{ for every } \alpha \in \Lambda.$$

Now it is immediate since  $0 < A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha} < 1$  that  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence, and hence, converges to  $x \in B(x_0, r)$  since  $X$  is complete. It remains to show  $x \in F(x)$ . Notice for  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dist}_\alpha(x, F(x)) &\leq d_\alpha(x, x_{2n+1}) + \text{dist}_\alpha(x_{2n+1}, F(x)) \\ &\leq d_\alpha(x, x_{2n+1}) + D_\alpha(F(x_{2n}), F(x)), \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{\alpha}(F(x_{2n}), F(x)) &\leq a_{1,\alpha} \text{dist}_{\alpha}(x_{2n}, F(x_{2n})) + a_{2,\alpha} \text{dist}_{\alpha}(x, F(x)) + a_{3,\alpha} \text{dist}_{\alpha}(x, F(x_{2n})) \\
 &\quad + a_{4,\alpha} \text{dist}_{\alpha}(x_{2n}, F(x)) + a_{5,\alpha} d_{\alpha}(x_{2n}, x) \\
 &\leq a_{1,\alpha} d_{\alpha}(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + a_{2,\alpha} [d_{\alpha}(x, x_{2n+1}) + D_{\alpha}(F(x_{2n}), F(x))] \\
 &\quad + a_{3,\alpha} d_{\alpha}(x, x_{2n+1}) + a_{4,\alpha} [d_{\alpha}(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + D_{\alpha}(F(x_{2n}), F(x))] \\
 &\quad + a_{5,\alpha} d_{\alpha}(x_{2n}, x).
 \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, for each  $x \in \Lambda$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{\alpha}(F(x_{2n}), F(x)) &\leq \left( \frac{a_{1,\alpha} + a_{4,\alpha}}{1 - a_{2,\alpha} - a_{4,\alpha}} \right) d_{\alpha}(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) \\
 &\quad + \left( \frac{a_{2,\alpha} + a_{3,\alpha}}{1 - a_{2,\alpha} - a_{4,\alpha}} \right) d_{\alpha}(x, x_{2n+1}) \\
 &\quad + \left( \frac{a_{5,\alpha}}{1 - a_{2,\alpha} - a_{4,\alpha}} \right) d_{\alpha}(x_{2n}, x).
 \end{aligned}$$

As a result, we have for each  $x \in \Lambda$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{dist}_{\alpha}(x, F(x)) &\leq \left( \frac{a_{1,\alpha} + a_{4,\alpha}}{1 - a_{2,\alpha} - a_{4,\alpha}} \right) d_{\alpha}(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) \\
 &\quad + \left( \frac{1 + a_{3,\alpha} + a_{4,\alpha}}{1 - a_{2,\alpha} - a_{4,\alpha}} \right) d_{\alpha}(x, x_{2n+1}) \\
 &\quad + \left( \frac{a_{5,\alpha}}{1 - a_{2,\alpha} - a_{4,\alpha}} \right) d_{\alpha}(x_{2n}, x). \\
 &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $x \in \overline{F(x)} = F(x)$  and we are finished. ■

A special case of Theorem 2.1 is the following fixed-point result.

**COROLLARY 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a complete gauge space and  $F : X \rightarrow C(X)$ . Suppose there exist constants  $a_1 = \{a_{1,\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in [0, 1]^{\Lambda}$ ,  $a_2 = \{a_{2,\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in [0, 1]^{\Lambda}$ ,  $a_3 = \{a_{3,\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in [0, 1]^{\Lambda}$ ,  $a_4 = \{a_{4,\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in [0, 1]^{\Lambda}$ , and  $a_5 = \{a_{5,\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in [0, 1]^{\Lambda}$  such that for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  and every  $x, y \in X$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{\alpha}(F(x), F(y)) &\leq a_{1,\alpha} \text{dist}_{\alpha}(x, F(x)) + a_{2,\alpha} \text{dist}_{\alpha}(y, F(y)) + a_{3,\alpha} \text{dist}_{\alpha}(y, F(x)) \\
 &\quad + a_{4,\alpha} \text{dist}_{\alpha}(x, F(y)) + a_{5,\alpha} d_{\alpha}(x, y),
 \end{aligned}$$

where for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,  $a_{1,\alpha} + a_{2,\alpha} + a_{3,\alpha} + a_{4,\alpha} + a_{5,\alpha} < 1$ ,  $a_{1,\alpha} + a_{4,\alpha} + a_{5,\alpha} > 0$ ,  $a_{2,\alpha} + a_{3,\alpha} + a_{5,\alpha} > 0$ , and with either  $a_{1,\alpha} = a_{2,\alpha}$  or  $a_{3,\alpha} = a_{4,\alpha}$ . In addition, assume the following condition is satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{for every } x \in X \text{ and every } \epsilon = \{\epsilon_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in (0, \infty)^{\Lambda} \text{ there exists } y \in F(x) \\
 &\text{with } d_{\alpha}(x, y) \leq \text{dist}_{\alpha}(x, F(x)) + \epsilon_{\alpha} \text{ for every } \alpha \in \Lambda.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

Then  $F$  has a fixed point.

**PROOF.** Fix  $x_0 \in X$ . For every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , choose  $r_{\alpha} > 0$  so that

$$\text{dist}_{\alpha}(x_0, F(x_0)) < \left( 1 - \frac{A_{1,\alpha}(1 + A_{2,\alpha})}{1 + A_{1,\alpha}} \right) r_{\alpha}.$$

Now Theorem 2.1 guarantees that there exists  $x \in B(x_0, r)$  with  $x \in F(x)$ . ■

Next we obtain a homotopy type result for multivalued contractions of Bose, Mukherjee type.

**THEOREM 2.3.** Let  $X$  be a complete gauge space with  $U$  an open subset of  $X$ . Suppose  $H : \overline{U} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow C(X)$  is a closed map (i.e., has closed graph) with the following satisfied:

- (a)  $x \notin H(x, t)$  for  $x \in \partial U$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ ;
- (b) there exist constants  $a_1 = \{a_{1,\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in [0, 1]^\Lambda$ ,  $a_2 = \{a_{2,\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in [0, 1]^\Lambda$ ,  $a_3 = \{a_{3,\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in [0, 1]^\Lambda$ ,  $a_4 = \{a_{4,\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in [0, 1]^\Lambda$ , and  $a_5 = \{a_{5,\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in [0, 1]^\Lambda$  with for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ , and every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  and  $x, y \in \overline{U}$  we have  $D_\alpha(H(x, t), H(y, t)) \leq a_{1,\alpha} \text{dist}_\alpha(x, H(x, t)) + a_{2,\alpha} \text{dist}_\alpha(y, H(y, t)) + a_{3,\alpha} \text{dist}_\alpha(y, H(x, t)) + a_{4,\alpha} \text{dist}_\alpha(x, H(y, t)) + a_{5,\alpha} d_\alpha(x, y)$  with for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,  $a_{1,\alpha} + a_{2,\alpha} + a_{3,\alpha} + a_{4,\alpha} + a_{5,\alpha} < 1$ ,  $a_{1,\alpha} + a_{4,\alpha} + a_{5,\alpha} > 0$ ,  $a_{2,\alpha} + a_{3,\alpha} + a_{5,\alpha} > 0$ , and with either  $a_{1,\alpha} = a_{2,\alpha}$  or  $a_{3,\alpha} = a_{4,\alpha}$ ;
- (c) for every  $t \in [0, 1]$ , for every  $\epsilon = \{\epsilon_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in (0, \infty)^\Lambda$  there exists  $y \in H(x, t)$  with  $d_\alpha(x, y) \leq \text{dist}_\alpha(x, H(x, t)) + \epsilon_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ; and
- (d) there exists  $M \in (0, \infty)^\Lambda$  and there exists a continuous increasing function  $\phi : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that  $D_\alpha(H(x, t), H(x, s)) \leq M_\alpha |\phi(t) - \phi(s)|$  for all  $t, s \in [0, 1]$  and  $x \in \overline{U}$ , for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ .

Then  $H(\cdot, 0)$  has a fixed point iff  $H(\cdot, 1)$  has a fixed point.

**PROOF.** Suppose  $H(\cdot, 0)$  has a fixed point. Consider

$$Q = \{(t, x) \in [0, 1] \times U : x \in H(x, t)\}.$$

Now  $Q$  is nonempty since  $H(\cdot, 0)$  has a fixed point. On  $Q$  define the partial order

$$(t, x) \leq (s, y) \text{ iff } t \leq s \quad \text{and} \quad d_\alpha(x, t) \leq 2 \left( \frac{1 + A_{1,\alpha}}{1 - A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha}} \right) M_\alpha [\phi(s) - \phi(t)]$$

for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,

where  $A_{1,\alpha}$  and  $A_{2,\alpha}$  are as in Theorem 2.1. Let  $P$  be a totally ordered subset of  $Q$  and let

$$t^* = \sup \{t : (t, x) \in P\}.$$

Take a sequence  $\{(t_n, x_n)\}$  in  $P$  such that  $(t_n, x_n) \leq (t_{n+1}, x_{n+1})$  and  $t_n \rightarrow t^*$ . We have

$$d_\alpha(x_m, x_n) \leq 2 \left( \frac{1 + A_{1,\alpha}}{1 - A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha}} \right) M_\alpha [\phi(t_m) - \phi(t_n)], \quad \text{for all } m > n \text{ and every } \alpha \in \Lambda,$$

and so  $(x_m)$  is a Cauchy sequence, which converges to some  $x^* \in \overline{U}$ . Now since  $H$  is a closed map we have  $(t^*, x^*) \in Q$  (note  $x^* \in H(x^*, t^*)$  by closedness and (a) implies  $x^* \in U$ ). It is also immediate from the definition of  $t^*$  and the fact that  $P$  is totally ordered that

$$(t, x) \leq (t^*, x^*), \quad \text{for every } (t, x) \in P.$$

Thus,  $(t^*, x^*)$  is an upper bound of  $P$ . By Zorn's Lemma  $Q$  admits a maximal element  $(t_0, x_0) \in Q$ .

We claim  $t_0 = 1$  (if our claim is true then we are finished). Suppose our claim is false. Then, choose  $r = \{r_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \in (0, \infty)^\Lambda$  and  $t \in (t_0, 1]$  with

$$B(x_0, r) \subseteq U \quad \text{and} \quad r_\alpha = 2M_\alpha \left( \frac{1 + A_{1,\alpha}}{1 - A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha}} \right) [\phi(t) - \phi(t_0)], \quad \text{for every } \alpha \in \Lambda.$$

Notice for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dist}_\alpha(x_0, H(x_0, t)) &\leq \text{dist}_\alpha(x_0, H(x_0, t_0)) + D_\alpha(H(x_0, t_0), H(x_0, t)) \\ &\leq M_\alpha [\phi(t) - \phi(t_0)] = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1 - A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha}}{1 + A_{1,\alpha}} \right) r_\alpha < \left( \frac{1 - A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha}}{1 + A_{1,\alpha}} \right) r_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Now Theorem 2.1 guarantees that  $H(\cdot, t)$  has a fixed point  $x \in B(x_0, r)$ . Thus,  $(x, t) \in Q$  and notice since

$$d_\alpha(x_0, x) \leq r_\alpha = 2M_\alpha \left( \frac{1 + A_{1,\alpha}}{1 - A_{1,\alpha} A_{2,\alpha}} \right) [\phi(t) - \phi(t_0)], \quad \text{for every } \alpha \in \Lambda, \quad \text{and} \quad t_0 < t,$$

we have  $(t_0, x_0) < (t, x)$ . This contradicts the maximality of  $(t_0, x_0)$ . ■

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